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SUBJ: SCANDINAVIAN CONCORDANCE OF TARIFFS

1. IN RESPONSE TO TELECON 18 MARCH, EMBASSY DISCUSSED WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE REPRESENTATIVES OF SWEDISH FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES AND MINISTRY OF COMMERCE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF TARIFF CONCORDANCE AMONG SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES WHICH MAY BE USEFUL IN CONNECTION WITH UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS IN GATT. WE HAVE DRAWN A COMPLETE BLANK. SWEDEN AND OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES ADOPTED BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE (BTN) IN MID-1950'S AT WHICH TIME SWEDISH INDUSTRIES CONDUCTED TRADE IMPACT INVESTIGATIONS (FILES NO LONGER EXIST) AND FURTHER STUDIES WERE CARRIED OUT AT TIME SWEDEN JOINED EFTA AND AGAIN DURING NORDEC NEGOTIATIONS, BUT NO TARIFF CONCORDANCE REPORT WAS ISSUED. MAIN AREAS OF STUDY RELATED TO TARIFF IMPACT AND NOT TARIFF CONCORDANCE.

2. IN RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WE ARE
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INFORMED THAT SPECIFIC CONCORDANCE OR RECLASSIFICATION

PROBLEMS, WHEN THEY AROSE, HAVE BEEN RESOLVED THROUGH
CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) IN BRUSSELS.
ONLY TARIFF CONCORDANCE STUDY WHICH SWEDISH SOURCES
WERE FAMILIAR WITH RELATED TO KENNEDY ROUND STUDY
ATTEMPTING TO ARRIVE AT CONCORDANCE BETWEEN BTN AND
U.S. TARIFF CLASSIFICATIONS.

3. IF DEPARTMENT CAN DEFINE MORE SPECIFICALLY THE
INFORMATION SOUGHT, I.E. COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION,
WE WILL MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT.
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